GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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CRUDE OIL SCAM
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI is entrusted to enquire the crude oil theft scam in Assam;

(b) if so, the progress made so far in the enquiry;

(c) the target set, if any, to complete the process of enquiry; and

(d) the details of involvement of officials of various Government and PSUs detected so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (d) As per information received from the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) there is at present no case of theft of crude oil in Assam under investigation by them. However, the Govt. of Assam have referred some cases of pilferage of Crude Oil in Assam from 1992 onwards to the CBI for investigation, and they have shortlisted five such cases. Notifications under the DSPE Act 1946 to empower CBI to investigate these cases are yet to be issued. According to ONGC, the involvement of one security officer of their Assam Asset in crude oil theft has come to their notice. He was arrested by the Sibsagar Police on 2.8.2004 and released on bail on 14.10.2004. The security officer has been placed under suspension.